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State cuts \$4.9 million from College budget

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine announced last Thursday that, due to state budget cuts, the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science must cut a total of \$4.9 million from their budgets for the current fiscal year.

The cut represents 6.6 percent of all of the College and VIMS's state funds. Last year, the state cut the College's operating budget by \$2.7 million.

The state faces a budget shortfall of \$2.5 billion over the next two years.

Kaine cut the budget in the middle of a fiscal year, after the school

had already begun operating according to a budget determined by government funding projections in April. Before the state formally decreased the budget last week, College officials had been advised by the state to anticipate a cut of up to 15 percent.

"Bad news from the state has been expected, and we have been planning for it," College President Taylor Reveley said in an e-mail to the College community.

Despite not reaching the 15 percent cut that was warned by the state, the cuts are substantial, and the College must now find additional ways to decrease spending and increase revenue.

Reveley immediately froze all hiring and is leaving four positions at the College vacant.

As for future measures, Kaine and College officials hope a mid-year tuition increase will not be necessary.

"My hope and expectation is that we'll be able to get through this fiscal year with no mid-year tuition increase and minimal impact on our academic program," Reveley told The Flat Hat.

The College imposed mid-year tuition increases in the 1980s, economics professor Robert Archibald said, and the Board of Visitors of several Virginia state universities approved a mid-year tuition increase during the 2004 fiscal year.



CARRIE FOGHERTY — THE FLAT HAT

[FROM LEFT] Business professors John Boschen, Richard Ash and John Merrick, along with law professor Eric Kades, discussed the current economic situation of the United States with the College.

Professors discuss economy in forum

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Over 250 people attended a faculty panel discussion on the global financial crisis Wednesday night. College of William and Mary professors spoke about the causes of the crisis, detailed its probable course and suggested solutions.

Business professor Richard Ash began the discussion by explaining that the public should not panic and the market will fix itself in time.

"We may have some breaks in the system, but it is not doomed," he said.

Business professor John Boschen argued that the sub-mortgage housing crisis is the

origin of the country's current financial struggles.

"Where this crisis started and where it's going to end, you still have to look at the housing market," Boschen said. "If you look at the household income from 2000 to 2006, it grew at a steady and respectable rate of about 4 percent a year. At the same time, housing prices were running up at about four times that rate. That is not sustainable."

Economics professor Till Schneiber said that the country's economic situation would probably get worse before it gets better, but that the current recession will not be as serious as the Great Depression.

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SA funds Veterans paintball

Senate divided in decision to allocate \$3,000 for event

By MASON WATSON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

A funding request from the Veterans Society received reluctant support from the senate at the Student Assembly senate meeting last Tuesday, Oct. 7.

The Veterans Society initially requested \$3,750 for an event to be held on Veterans Day, Nov. 9. The Society plans to hold a day-long paintball tournament in the Sunken Garden, featuring various teams from student organizations as well as fraternities and sororities.

SA Vice President Kristin Slawter '09 and several senators voiced doubts about the appropriateness of the activity for the occasion, questioning whether a paintball tournament would truly be the best way to memorialize Veterans Day.

Veterans Society spokesman Lance Zaal and a representative from the company providing equipment and supervision presented an overview of the Veterans Day activities, which include bands and guest speakers. Zaal emphasized that the paintball tournament was not the purpose of the event.

"The main purpose of this is to attract people," he told the senate. The wider event would include booths from the campus's various cultural and ethnic organizations.

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Students attend Va. Power Shift '08

By ADAM LERNER
The Flat Hat

Last weekend 40 students from the College of William and Mary traveled to Blacksburg to attend Virginia Power Shift 2008, an environmental sustainability conference held on the campus of Virginia Tech.

The conference began Friday evening with the keynote address from Dr. James Hansen, a climatologist with NASA and a professor at Columbia University.

"It kind of got me feeling like this is a very urgent matter," conference attendee Beyang Shi '11 said.

Saturday, students attended training workshops and presentations concerning environmental sustainability.

"On an individual level, I really enjoyed the workshops on Saturday. There were 10 or 15 workshops at four different times throughout the day that you could attend, and my favorite was on local food and urban gardening," Student Environmental Action Coalition co-facilitator Phil Zapfel '09 said. "That was really interesting to see how you can start growing your own food right here in your backyard, and SEAC's trying to start that [at the College] actually."

Students learned about environmental problems stretching beyond campus as well.

"We went to this one session on coal mining and mountain-top removal

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COURTESY PHOTO — PHIL ZAPFEL

Students from the College and other universities pose by a biofuel bus in Blacksburg.

Retired general discusses torture at College

Taguba led inquiry of Abu Ghraib

By ALEX McGRATH
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Torture was on trial last night at Andrews Hall.

Retired Army General Antonio Taguba spoke about the unlawful use of torture in American prisoner-of-war camps and, specifically, his experiences as head investigator of the infamous Iraqi prison, Abu Ghraib.

Taguba was born in Manila in 1950, and attended Ohio State University. He joined the U.S. Army after graduation.

In 1997, he became the second Filipino-American to become a U.S. Army general and spent 34 years in the

U.S. Army. Taguba's visit to the College coincides with Filipino-American History Month, and he was hosted by the Filipino-American Student Association.

Taguba openly criticized the decisions of the American government to authorize torture and blamed the Abu Ghraib scandal for endangering the lives of American soldiers.

"How can a few legal experts openly defy written laws, and compromise American values, and place our country at greater risk, especially our troops?" Taguba asked the crowd of about 70. He pointed out that over 4,200 American

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FUAD BOHSALI — THE FLAT HAT

Retired Army General Antonio Taguba spoke about human rights abuses to the College.

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Weather

Friday



High 65°
Low 51°

Saturday



High 63°
Low 45°

Sunday



High 66°
Low 43°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“The cold reality is tuition is the principal source for funding.”

— Board of Directors Rector Michael Powell on the possibility of mid-year tuition increases.

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News in Brief

Kaine appoints judges to Norfolk circuit court

Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced the appointments of the Honorable Jerrauld C. Jones, the Honorable Louis A. Sherman and the Honorable John R. “Jack” Doyle III to fill vacancies in the Norfolk Circuit Court, according to a press release Oct. 7. Judge Jones is a native of Norfolk and has served the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court since 2005. Judge Sherman has served the Norfolk General District Court since 1995 and served as the Executive Director of Tidewater Legal Aid Society for five years. Judge Doyle has served as the Norfolk Commonwealth’s Attorney since 2000. He attended the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary and was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1982.

Study shows peers affect students’ politics

New research shows that college students are affected by peers, not professors, on issues such as abortion, gay marriage and religion, according to The Associated Press. UCLA’s Higher Education Research Institute took a sample of 15,000 students who entered 136 colleges in 2004 and surveyed them during their freshman and junior years of college. The research shows that students are more affected by the powerful influence of fellow students than the opinions of left-leaning faculty. At most colleges, peer progressive groups leaning to the left are more common than conservative ones. After college, students move to the right. According to findings, students are nearly as likely to call themselves “conservative” as “liberal” after three years of college.

— by Bertel King

Online-Only Content

SA BULLETIN Flu shots, websites, writer reimbursements

by Russ Zerbo

When the Flu Vaccine Funding Act was being introduced, I was gearing up for another glowing endorsement of the Student Assembly. The bill proposed that \$1,000 be allocated from the consolidated reserve in order to give the first 100 students in line for a flu vaccine a \$10 rebate on the \$25 vaccinations.

ELECTION ‘08 Drill, baby, drill

by Beth Sutherland

Do you want to know who’s really standing in the way of ameliorating the energy crisis? Rather, who threatens to exacerbate it? Barack Obama, the Democrats in Congress, and the media. It’s so irritating. People stop listening to me when I say this, but just look at the facts. One reason why oil is so expensive is because the Democrats refuse to drill in Montana, South Dakota, off the coast, or in Anwar — or to allow us to look into nuclear energy.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS Deep thoughts

by Maya Horowitz

There is a lot of discussion about penis length in American sexual culture. But what about vaginal depth? Well, I’ll tell you what: It’s a non-issue.

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BEYOND THE ‘BURG



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University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill’s School of Public Health.

UNC suspends Blue Book usage

School now uses a computer-administered testing program

By AMEYA JAMMI

The Flat Hat

Faculty members at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill are hoping to deter cheating by replacing the blue books used for exams with a computer-administered testing program called Securexam — a program that concurrently launches a word processor and locks all other software on the computer.

According to The Daily Tar Heel, UNC’s student newspaper, Securexam has been available to the campus for the past three years.

“I think it improves [students’] work, and it certainly means that I can grade their papers paying attention to what it is they have to say,” UNC English professor Joseph Wittig told Insider Higher Ed.

Wittig reported that any technical issues faced by students on older laptops, such as trouble saving or uploading the exams, have been mostly resolved and noted that this software took the problem of cheating “off the table.”

Other benefits include the elimination of paper waste. Student responses are electronically encrypted and uploaded onto a server only accessible by the professor. Laptops remain locked until the exam is submitted, even if they are shut down or

restarted.

Originally made available to professional graduate programs and handicapped students, Securexam has 150 clients and is used in five countries. The program cost ranges from \$5 to \$25 per user.

“Computer-based testing benefits every stakeholder in the academic institution, from the student that’s more comfortable typing to the teacher who finds it easier to grade something that’s typed to the administration that can support the needs of their students and faculty better,” Doug Winneg, president of Software Secure and maker of Securexam, told Insider Higher Ed.

The majority of students are pleased with the University’s decision to eliminate the use of blue books for exams because the new program makes writing intensive exams easier to complete.

Critics of Securexam are concerned with the distraction caused by an examination hall filled with typing students and problems with dying laptop batteries. However, Wittig noted that fewer students are opting to use blue books instead of Securexam.

“It’s time for the university to implement Securexam across campus, thus eliminating the need for blue books,” The Daily Tar Heel said in an editorial.

STREET BEAT

What was the craziest thing you did over fall break?



“I got drunk with my mom in a winery.”

Lindsey North ‘09



“I saw graffiti in New York City asking people to contact the artist, so I did.”

Anna Wagner ‘10



“I searched for an hour for a sex toy shop in Richmond.”

Maria Busuiocanu ‘10



“I got drunk while I watched episodes of original ‘Star Trek.’”

Aaron Herman ‘10

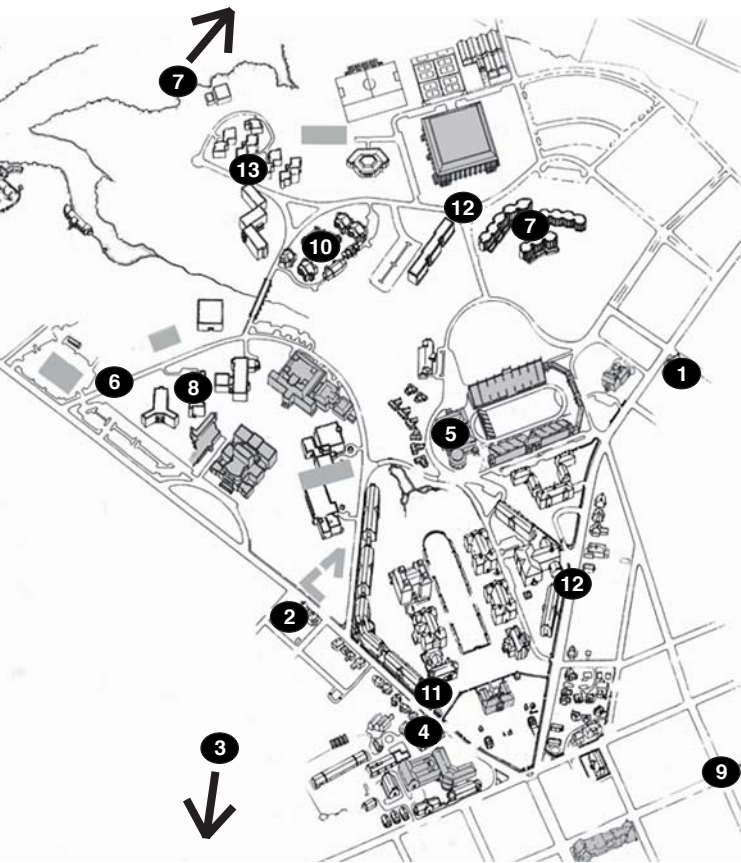
— photos and interviews by Caitlin Fairchild

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

Oct. 5 to Oct. 13

Sunday, Oct. 5 — An individual reported that a vehicle had been vandalized on Harrison Avenue. The estimated value is \$50. **1**

Monday, Oct. 6 — An individual reported that a USB port was



stolen in Bell Hall. The estimated value is \$14,000. **2**

— An individual reported that food was stolen at Java City. **3**

— An individual reported that food was stolen from the Marketplace. The estimated value is \$13. **4**

— An individual reported that a bicycle was stolen from outside the Sadler Center. The estimated value is \$250. **5**

Wednesday, Oct. 8 — An individual reported that a bicycle was stolen on 200 block of Ukrop Way. The estimated value is \$25. **6**

Thursday, Oct. 9 — An individual reported that a parking pass was stolen at Governor’s Square Apartments. The estimated value is \$305. **7**

— An individual reported that a laptop was stolen at Jones Hall. The estimated value is \$2,712.20. **8**

— An individual reported that an external hard drive was stolen on the 400 block of Scotland St. The estimated value is \$300. **9**

Friday, Oct. 10 — An individual reported that doors and windows were vandalized at the Sadler Center. The estimated damage is worth \$600. **5**

— An individual reported that a bicycle was stolen outside of Giles Hall. The estimated value is \$50. **10**

— An individual reported that she was sexually assaulted inside her residence hall at 1 a.m. The alleged suspect is an acquaintance. **11**

Saturday, Oct. 11 — An individual was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public and underage possession of alcohol at Ewell Circle. **11**

Sunday, Oct. 12 — An individual reported that a door knob was vandalized on the 700 block of Ukrop Way. **12**

Monday, Oct. 13 — An individual reported that a window was stolen on the 100 block of Wake Dr. The estimated damage is \$50. **13**

— compiled by Bertel King

'Burg starts website to increase City Council transparency

By NANCY BLANFORD
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The City of Williamsburg has launched a website to facilitate communication between City Council and its residents.

Williamsburg has employed Peak Democracy, a non-partisan company that provides online forum space for civic and community discussions, to let city residents provide feedback on issues, especially the City Council's development of long-term goals. The program itself is still running as a pilot status.

Local residents can participate in discussing issues relevant to Williamsburg's planning process. City planners can then use this information to consider resident preferences and concerns.

Assistant City Manager Jodi Miller helps to maintain the website for the city.

"The forum was used in conjunction with

the city's goals and initiative priorities," Miller said. "It really allows citizens to weigh in on what should be included in Williamsburg's planning process."

Residents can post their views and opinions regarding specific topics that have been posted by city employees.

Currently, issues regarding city goals, housing units per acre and garbage collection are included on the Peak Democracy pilot site.

"We're just trying to stimulate conversation between residents," City Council member Paul Freiling '83 said. "Each issue will have its own basis of reason."

Participation in Peak Democracy has been slow since the website's launch.

"It's been a little light in the beginning," Freiling said. "Hopefully people can get accustomed to it and participate very soon."

As of press time, the thread on city goals had garnered four comments and a thread on

housing density had generated one. Several of those posts, however, mentioned that Peak Democracy is a useful communication tool.

"I commend the City of Williamsburg for initiating this approach to facilitate citizen input," a poster with the username John Whitley wrote.

Freiling encouraged students to participate in the forum and provide input for the city's planning.

"It'd be great for students to participate, just as we encourage them to visit the [City of Williamsburg] Facebook site," Freiling said.

The Peak Democracy website can be accessed at www.williamsburgva.gov. The pilot program will be accessible until Oct. 31, after which it will be determined whether the website will be permanently purchased.

Female reports sexual assault

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

A female student was sexually assaulted in her on-campus residence hall after a male acquaintance accompanied her home in the early morning hours of Oct. 10.

According to College spokesman Brian Whitson, the incident was reported to the girl's Resident Assistant later that day, and was subsequently reported to the William and Mary Police that evening.

Whitson said that the girl has requested that no criminal charges be filed against the alleged perpetrator.

"It would be very difficult to

prosecute if [the girl involved] requested no charges be filed," Whitson said.

The alleged perpetrator is a student at the College but is not currently enrolled this semester.

However, according to Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler, he is still subject to adherence of the College's code of conduct.

Students found to have committed sexual assault could face academic penalties as severe as dismissal from the College indefinitely.

Federal law prevents the College from releasing the identity of the alleged perpetrator of the crime.

Taguba speaks about human rights abuses

General says America needs a common standard

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soldiers have died and more than 30,000 have been wounded in the Iraq War.

Taguba said torture is a violation of the Geneva Convention, which the United States signed, and various other international laws.

The violation of these laws, he said, resulted in a loss of international credibility and the destabilization of Iraq.

In other words, the pictures of the poor treatment of soldiers at Abu Ghraib made the United States look like occupiers and not liberators.

"The images of Abu Ghraib will continue to resonate in American history and in the Arab world," Taguba said. "Abu Ghraib ignited an inflammatory situation in an already volatile region."

Taguba added that it is hypocritical for the United States to announce that it is spreading democracy around the world even as it violates human rights.

"We have a human right issue. That issue is Guantanamo," he said. "We do torture people."

He said that it was important for the United States to maintain a common standard of human rights.

"We should not lower our moral standards to those of who we are fighting," Taguba said. "Just because we fight a war, we do have rules of engagement, we do have laws, we do have a system that forbids us from mistreating prisoners."

Taguba's lecture also examined American foreign policy in southwest Asia in general. The general, clearly exasperated, said that if the nation's leaders would study history they would see Middle Eastern cultures must be understood. He pointed out that other European powers have had similar experiences in the Middle East as the United States.

He also argued that the military has become more than just a mechanism of war.

"Our soldiers must also build what we destroy," he said. "They have to be statesmen. They have to be diplomatic. They have to relate with the population."

Taguba worked as chief of the official investigation into Abu Ghraib in 2004. He said one of the goals of the investigation was to protect the "99 percent" of the military that did not take part in human rights violations.

"We literally took a vow to find only facts and to assume nothing," he said. When news of Abu Ghraib broke, Taguba was given the task to complete a report on the prison. He described what he saw at Abu Ghraib as a modern-day dungeon.

Taguba had a bleak outlook for the future of American foreign policy.

"We have reached a point where we are going to be in a state of consistent conflict," Taguba said. But he added that he hopes whoever becomes the next president looks into diplomatic solutions.

"Diplomacy would be good," he said.

SA discusses paintball, police, vaccines and rights

Senate repays Fallon for SA meet-and-greet

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"We want to show that Veterans Day does not belong to one ethnic group, one racial group," Zaal said.

Zaal expressed his intention to repay as much of the money as possible to the SA after covering the costs of the event.

The reception from the senate was mixed.

"Do you think that this is going to be offensive, given that it's Veterans Day?" Slawter asked. "And I don't know if we should be honoring people's sacrifice by shooting stuff at each other ... I find it mildly ironic and slightly offensive."

Senator Steven Nelson '10 also voiced doubts, noting that he paintballs for fun at home.

"I do it for fun, but the whole thing is that you enjoy shooting people and inflicting pain on other people," he said. "I kind of feel like this is just glorifying violence and it's tying it to a Veterans Day celebration where we're respecting people who served. ... I think it kind of defeats the purpose of honoring service where you're almost simulating it and enjoying it."

Zaal, himself a veteran, responded that the Veterans Society holds a more solemn event on Memorial Day in the spring, reserving Veterans Day for a general celebration.

"Nobody else in the Veterans Society thinks it's offensive," he said.

The senate ultimately voted to allocate \$3,000, which Zaal revised down from the original request, by a vote of 14-4-2.

According to Virginia state policy, the SA is not allowed to deny funding to groups or events based on ideological or moral reasons.

The senate also considered the Flu Vaccine Funding Act, sponsored by Sen. Caroline Mullis '09.

The act would allocate \$1,000 to the Student Health Center for a \$10 discount to be granted to the first 100 students to receive flu vaccinations.

Mullis noted that 358 students received vaccines last year, a low figure that she believes the bill will improve.

The senate responded positively to the idea but questioned the exact amount allocated; many senators advocated raising the sum.

The bill was returned to committee to be reviewed before the health center begins administering vaccinations. The health center has not announced when it will begin offering shots.

The Police-Student Relations Improvement Act, sponsored by Nelson and Sen. Michael Douglass '11, was also considered by the senate last Tuesday.

The act, addressing student concerns for questionable police behavior, calls for the establishment of a website with information on individual police officers through the SA website. The act passed unanimously.

In other business, the senate considered the Timely Repayment Act, sponsored by Sen. Walter McClean '09.

The act calls for repaying Sen. Britney Fallon '11 \$579.91 in out-of-pocket costs that went toward funding the What Can Your SA Do for You event while the SA off-campus account was frozen. The act passed unanimously.

The Know Your Rights Act II, sponsored by McClean, Nelson and Sen. Ben Brown '11 and Nelson was also introduced last week.

The bill allocates \$1,116 for the purchase and distribution of 6,000 "Know Your Rights in a Residence Hall" and 6,000 "Know Your Rights in a Police Encounter" educational cards, which will be distributed to students via CSU boxes.

The bill is intended to improve student awareness of their rights to prevent unnecessary self-incrimination.



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
The conference instructed students on how to utilize eco-friendly initiatives, such as urban gardening.

Environmental conference attracts 40 College students

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in southwestern Virginia," SEAC member Amanda Grant '12 said. "I think that was good just because it was something I'd never really learned much about."

Saturday evening, expert panelists discussed what policies needed to be implemented to guarantee Virginia a sustainable future.

"There's a panel of people who have studied this, and it wasn't even about finding the technology that would make the sustainability a possibility," Shi said. "It is there, the technology is there, all the research has been done to make it feasible, and all that's really missing is the will from the general populace."

The conference ended Sunday with students from each school gathering to discuss what they learned and how to apply principles of environmental sustainability on campus.

"It was amazing to see all these excited William and Mary students gather around and talk about the new ideas and the new programs and processes that they've learned over these last few days — to be able to take those and really apply them," Zapfel said. "The creative juices started flowing and we really got some amazing ideas to bring back to campus."

One idea was grassroots political advocacy.

"We're going to start establishing consistent contact with our state representative through phone banking and lobbying in Richmond," Zapfel said. "We're

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Powell: Budget cuts hopefully do not mean mid-year tuition increase

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“The cold reality is tuition is the principal source for funding,” Board of Visitors Rector Michael Powell ’85 said in a telephone interview. Powell said he does not know yet whether tuition would increase this year.

College officials have said that financial aid programs will not be affected.

“Our priorities moving forward will be protecting the academic mission of the College, protecting need-based student financial aid and working closely with the Board of Visitors, faculty, staff and student leaders in this process,” Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Jim Golden said.

Also, the College will not have to lay off employees, but the state has deferred a 2 percent salary increase until July.

Some adjunct professors — temporary professors that are usually hired for a semester or two — may not have contracts

renewed, Archibald said. If an offer for employment during the spring semester has been already extended, that person is protected from the hiring freeze. If a department, however, has not yet begun reviewing adjunct contracts for the next semester, some contracts may not be renewed. This will result in fewer classes offered, Archibald said, making the class registration process more difficult.

Despite the hiring freeze, student employment will not be affected directly, but it could suffer if individual departments trim their budgets by eliminating student employees. The College asked each department to cut its individual budget by 5 percent several weeks ago in anticipation of the budget cuts.

VIMS, which operates under the administrative umbrella of the College, will absorb nearly \$1.5 million of the \$4.9 million budget cut. VIMS has a budget independent from the College because, in addition to being

an educational institution, it is required to provide unbiased marine, natural resource and environmental information for the state. VIMS officials have made plans to significantly reduce its budget.

“We anticipate that the elimination of faculty positions by attrition will reduce disciplinary diversity and necessitate elimination of some graduate course offerings,” VIMS Dean John Wells said. “Equipment purchases will be reduced, library subscriptions may be cut and it will be hard to keep the competitive edge we have worked hard to develop over the past 20 years.”

Wells added that VIMS is turning its focus to securing private funding and grants.

Though this year’s cuts will pose problems for the College, officials anticipate the next fiscal year will be even more damaging.

The College’s budget cut comes as a result of Virginia’s \$2.5 billion two-year budget short-



COURTESY PHOTO — COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced massive statewide budget cuts last Thursday in Richmond.

fall. In addition to withholding \$279 million from state agencies, including the College, Kaine proposed withdrawing \$400 million from Virginia’s “rainy day fund,” a state reserve fund, to help cope with the budget shortfall. The remainder of the funds will come from bond funding and deferred salary increases.

If the state finds itself with a budget shortfall next year, cuts will be harder to cope with.

“When the governor and the Virginia General Assembly look at the next fiscal year, they are going to have to find money from state institutions and agencies across Virginia,” Vice President for Finance Sam Jones said. “We don’t know what it will mean for the College.”

Much of what is happening in the state is a result of the floundering world economy, as markets worldwide are tumbling almost daily.

“The Board of Visitors is doing its best in this financial hurricane,” Powell said.

“What is happening on a national scale is reverberating on a state scale.”

The country’s financial woes are affecting other funding sources as well.

“Our financial challenge isn’t simply another reduction in state

funding,” Reveley said. “Because of economic trouble in the United States and abroad, the amount of money available from our endowment to help fund College operations will decline. So also will the capacity of our private donors to make new gifts to William and Mary.”

While the BOV is not formally lobbying for more funds, Powell said, many members are working in Richmond to protect the College’s interests. Until the economy begins to recover, the College will continue to see budget cuts.

The state likely will elect to replenish the “rainy day fund” before restoring the College’s budget, Archibald said. Even in a healthy economy, many states have been decreasing higher education funding in favor of keeping social programs like Medi-

care funded with fewer taxes.

“In 1980, the commonwealth provided the College more than 40 percent of its total operating budget,” Golden said. “At the College today, the state provides 18 percent of that operating budget — an amount for which we are truly grateful but on which we cannot survive, much less thrive, in a competitive world.”


Much is still uncertain, but officials agree there is no doubt the College will face future budget cuts and some programs may suffer.

Reveley encouraged students to attend the forums, being held in the coming weeks to discuss how they think the College should deal with its budget crisis.

“Along with all other colleges and universities around the country,” Reveley said, “we confront difficult financial times.”

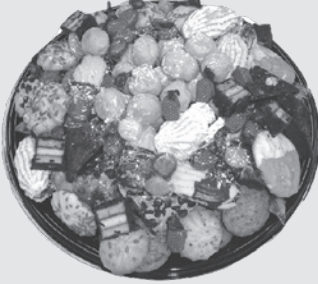
Highlights from the state budget cuts

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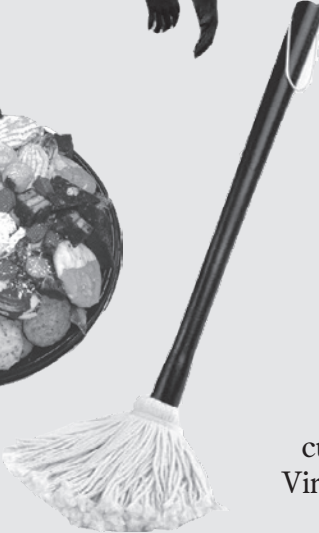
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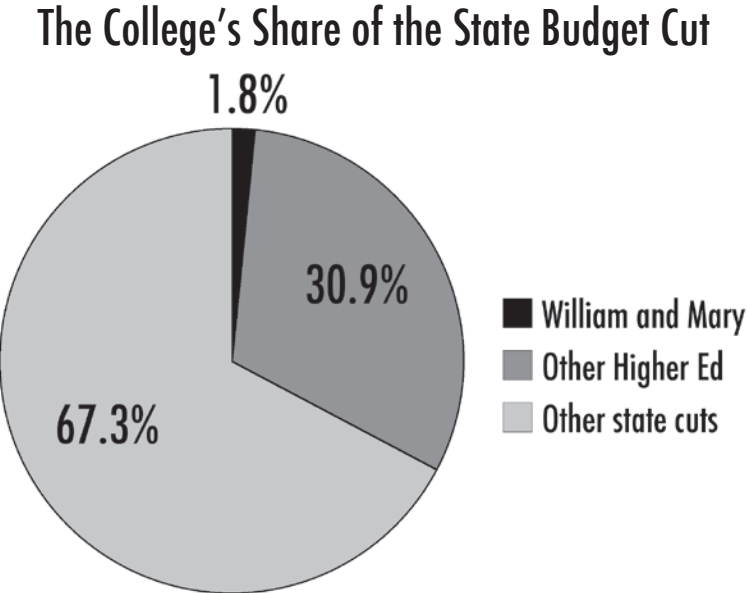
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Suspend monthly car washes,
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SOURCE: GOVERNOR KAINE’S OCTOBER 2008 BUDGET PLAN

Professors discuss struggling economy

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Business professor John Merrick shared Schneider’s view that the financial crisis will worsen. Merrick claimed that most banks probably do not know the full extent of their bad assets.

Marshall-Wythe School of Law Vice Dean Eric Kades proposed the establishment of a new bankruptcy department to deal with financial entities in distress that would only partially bail out some institutions.

He said the section would provide incentive for the creditors to behave rationally, but the law will

probably not change.

“My prediction in the end, five years from now, the law will not have changed,” Kades said. “So, in 10 years from now [the panel] may be meeting in this room again.”

After the discussion, the panel answered questions from the audience that included topics such as Social Security and inflation. The panel suggested that staying informed is one way the public can deal with the crisis.

“Do yourself a favor, stop listening to all the talking heads,” Ash said. “Everybody has an opinion. ... Make your own decisions.”

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Misguided Gateway attacks

The Gateway Program isn’t really a quota. But you wouldn’t know that if you read The Virginia Gazette. In fact, when it comes to Gateway, sentiments seem as confused as they are passionate. Misconceptions abound. So, while we doubt that College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley intended to stir controversy by revealing that the program had raised \$10 million, controversy followed just the same — most of it undeserved and some of it just plain wrong.

Consider Karla Bruno’s ’81Oct. 11 column in The Virginia Gazette, which ran under the headline “Gateway is really a quota.” That’s not just wrong, it’s sensationally wrong. And, unfortunately for Bruno, that headline didn’t even capture her argument. The editor who appended it appeared more interested in perpetuating prejudices than in creating a thoughtful dialogue. Four days later, the paper ran a letter critical of Bruno’s column, giving it the headline “Gateway is great.” Next to it they included a stock photo of a smiling young black man holding a \$100 bill. The purpose of such a picture escapes us. Its relevance to the Gateway Program escapes us. It never should have run.

But let’s return to Bruno, who, for her part, misrepresented how Gateway operates. She wrongly asserted that Gateway’s \$10 million endowment yanked much-needed money from the general operating budget. In reality, all \$10 million came from private donors who considered Gateway most worthy of their money.

When former College President Gene Nichol unveiled the initiative three years ago, he offered students from financially disadvantaged families a guarantee: Money would not keep them from attending the College. In years past, the College could not fully fund its financial aid programs. That meant that even after gaining admission, some students were asked to pay more than they could hope to afford.

The Gateway Program, though, promised full scholarships to in-state students whose families made less than \$40,000 a year, regardless of race. But that promise entailed a sacrifice. The \$4 million it required every year needed to come from somewhere, and other programs bore the burden.

However, Reveley’s announcement shows that Gateway need not be a zero-sum game. Of course, \$10 million falls well short of the \$80 million the program will need to achieve complete independence, but it is a welcome step in the right direction. For all the Virginia families, of any race, who thought they could never afford to send their children to College, there is hope in that.

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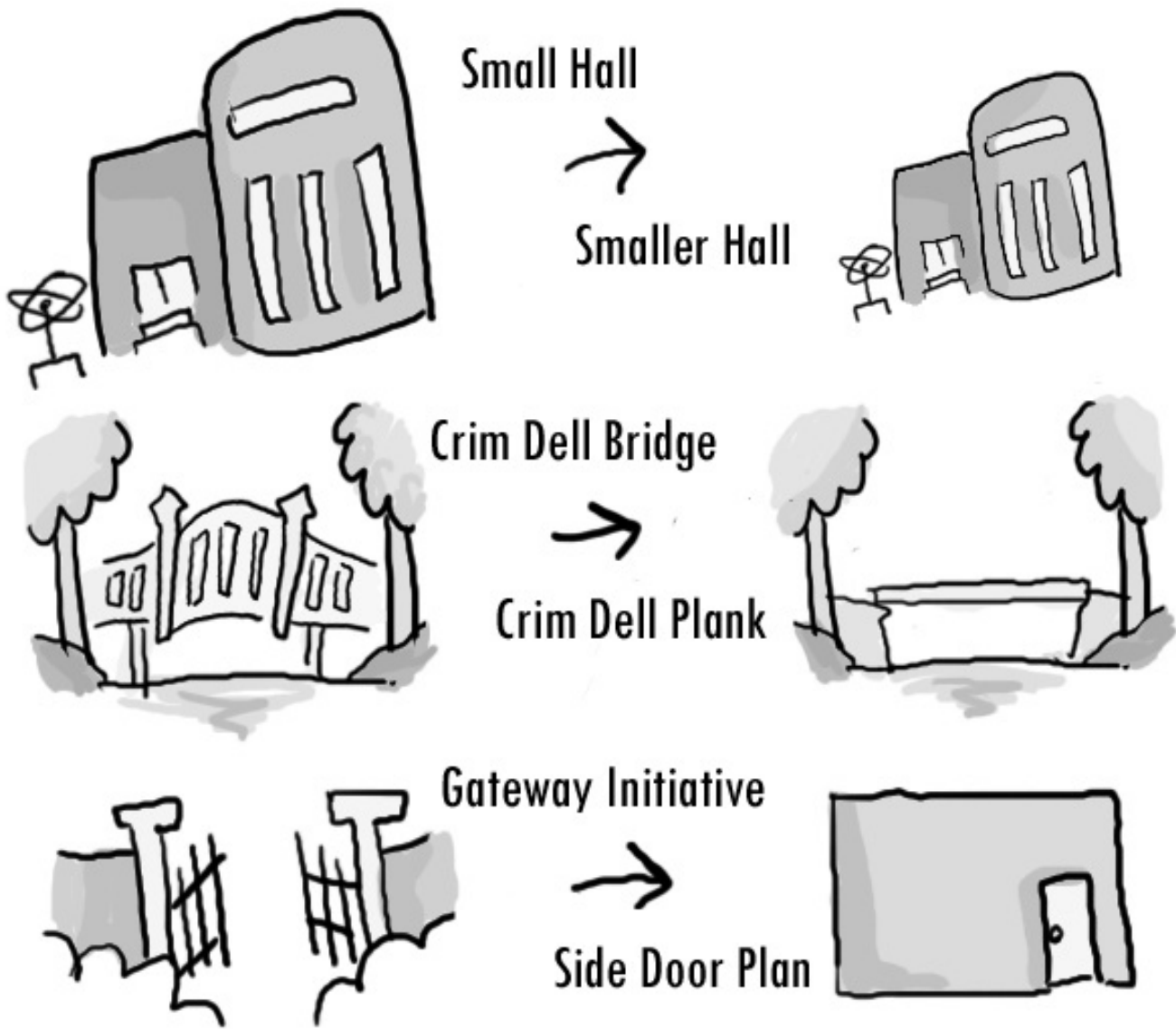
Intolerance intolerable To the Editor:

Oct. 12, 2008, marked the 10th anniversary of the hate-fueled murder of Matthew Shepard. Shepard, beaten to the point of death because of his sexual orientation, is all too often forgotten in the mainstream media. Ten years later, incidents like this still occur. Last February, 15-year-old Lawrence “Larry” King was shot in the head during class by one of his schoolmates simply because of his sexuality and

gender expression. Have we as a society really progressed further in the fight against hate crimes and discriminatory legislation? The need for awareness and activism is more urgent than ever. The deaths of these two young people, and countless others, should not be in vain. Stand up to hateful speech and actions — watching idly accomplishes nothing. Intolerance should never be tolerated.

— Kathy Middlesex ’11, Robert Ressler ’10 and the Lambda Alliance

Changes Forced By Recent Budget Cuts



By Olivia Walch, Flat Hat Cartoonist

Gateway funding draws criticism

Justin Reid

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Former College of William and Mary President Gene Nichol is gone. His critics cited poor leadership and lack of judgment as the primary reasons for why he was unfit to lead the College. Current President Taylor Reveley has been in office for barely a month, and the same detractors are already on the attack. It would appear that these critics are not truly concerned about the aptitude of our college presidents. Their true concerns lie with the bold new initiatives that Nichol, Reveley and even former College President Tim Sullivan have all supported — namely Gateway William and Mary.

In a recent op-ed in The Virginia Gazette, Karla Bruno ’81, expressed her outrage over the fact that Reveley announced to students at the Oct. 6 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People College chapter meeting that Gateway had reached its \$10 million fundraising goal instead of making the announcement at an Oct. 3 alumni event or waiting until December. She went on to make the assertion that because Gateway was discussed at an NAACP meeting, the program is truly a disguised racial quota system. She then criticized Reveley for his apparent “lack

of understanding.” There is clearly a lack of understanding, but it involves neither Reveley nor the College administration. Listening to Bruno, one would think only racial minorities lack the financial resources needed to attend the College, but in reality, there are students of all races receiving aid through Gateway. To criticize the College, one would also have to criticize the University of Virginia, Stanford University, Harvard University and several other prestigious universities across the nation that implemented programs like Gateway years ago. In this regard, the College is merely catching up with the times. When we invited Reveley to our meeting, the College NAACP chapter had a long list of discussion topics — Gateway being only one of them. The Flat Hat chose to focus its entire article on Reveley’s surprise announcement because it clearly knew such news would foster the greatest reaction from readers (as Bruno has proven). Our discussion with Reveley encompassed so much more, and it is unfortunate that rather than attend our meeting, Bruno decided to base her entire attack on what she read in a student newspaper. At the end of the day, the \$10 million raised to support Gateway was contributed by private donors — individuals who feel that ensuring a quality education for all deserving young people, not just the wealthy, is a worthwhile endeavor. It is clear Bruno, who dismisses Gateway as “a luxury,” is not among this group. Justin Reid is a senior at the College.

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Amethyst Initiative brings alcohol policy discourse to College

Ben Brown & Ross Gillingham

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNISTS



We have a new opportunity to re-evaluate the College of William and Mary’s alcohol policy with the adoption of the Amethyst Initiative. The initiative, spearheaded by former Middlebury College President John McCardell and co-signed by 130 current college presidents, calls for a renewed debate on the implications of the current national drinking age. Recently, we co-sponsored a bill with Sen. Steven Nelson ’10 to strongly encourage College President Taylor Reveley to sign on. In doing so, our 27th president would actively involve the College in the current dialogue about the consequences, intended or unintended, of the nation’s drinking

age. Additionally, we feel that opening such a debate would raise awareness of the implications of our own school’s alcohol policies. It is clear that we have an unsafe drinking environment at the College. Each year, 10 percent of our peers face judicial sanctions by the College, most for alcohol violations — some of whom face medical issues that stem from over-consumption. The College has recognized and begun to address the problems created by its current drinking atmosphere. We have implemented a medical amnesty policy for 18 to 20-year-old students who need medical care, recognizing safety is paramount to punishment. Medical amnesty and other policies promoting public safety are not encouraging negative behavior but are simply addressing an issue that already exists. We encourage Reveley to acknowledge this as a positive, though peripheral, attempt to treat the disease of rampant

disobedience of the drinking age. He should extrapolate its implications to acknowledge that only with openness and freedom to debate the issue can we truly address the problem — rather than react to it. The reality of a drinking environment that is unhealthy and nonconducive to either respect for the law or to moderation

While our institution is deeply rooted in tradition, ignoring the consequences of a policy that has failed to increase student safety is not one of them.

is why the Amethyst Initiative is so relevant to college campuses nationwide. Without calling for a specific policy change, it is an attempt to examine the causes of these issues without a presupposed outcome. The national discussion over root causes is an important one to have, but it also naturally leads to

the question of what we can do to further address issues of public safety on campus. The medical amnesty program is a good step, as is the expansion of Steer Clear to two vans. We are both working with former Alcohol Undersecretary Jed Talvacchia on issues with the current alcohol policy. Paramount to this effort is an analysis of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Task Force report, authored in 2003, of both the implications involved in the policy changes it proposed as well as their implementation. What we need now is another report mandating changes to the existing policy. It’s been a full five years since the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Task Force has actually sat down and thoroughly debated the implications of the College’s current alcohol policies. We can’t wait any longer. The issue of fraternity basements and chapter rooms currently existing as public as opposed to private space

is already a hotly debated topic. Furthermore, the idea that residence hall blocks with members 21 and older are prohibited from enjoying alcohol responsibly in lounges, forcing them to drink behind closed doors, does not make sense. While our institution is deeply rooted in history and tradition, ignoring the consequences of poorly crafted policy that has clearly failed to increase student safety is not one of them. We encourage anyone who agrees or disagrees with changing the national drinking age to see John McCardell Wednesday, Oct. 22. The visit, hosted in the Sadler Center’s Tidewater A at 7:30 p.m., is being sponsored by the John Locke Society, Students for a Sensible Drug Policy and Libertarian Students. The importance of a debate that critically analyzes issues affecting all colleges, and specifically ours, can only yield positive results. Ben Brown is a sophomore and Ross Gillingham is a junior at the College.

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Cutting excess out of success

IJM promotes sense of simplicity around campus while donating to charities

By **CLAIRE ELLERY**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Sport utility vehicles, walk-in closets and mega malls all seem to say the same thing: Excess mean success. International Justice Mission, a Christian human rights group on campus, hopes to turn that philosophy inside out with LessFest. Part clothing drive and part simplicity promotion, the event encourages minimalist lifestyles while giving back to those in need. Today, IJM will display the donated clothing collected over the past two weeks in boxes across campus at the Crim Dell Meadow from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The group hopes that students see the event as more than just a clothing drive.

"It's not asking people to clean out last year's fashions to make room for this year's fashions," IJM President Nik Belanger '10 said. "We're stuck in this cycle. Living life to the fullest is living life to the simplest. We're not living life to the fullest when we're burdened by so much stuff."

Kristen Marshall '10, an IJM member who helped coordinate LessFest, has been interested in living simply since her freshman year, reading about poverty and inequality in the United States. Marshall saw poverty first hand this summer while volunteering in Camden, N.J. She donated her extra clothes to a family in Camden with two girls who only had a few shirts.

Describing her return home as a "reverse culture shock," Marshall struggled with an awareness of the excess of all her material belongings. "It was emotional unpacking and putting stuff back into full drawers, and then packing all my stuff for school."

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ASHLEY MORGAN — THE FLAT HAT

UCAB brings Cool Kids to campus

By **ASHLEY MORGAN & PAM SNYDER**
The Flat Hat

After Rogue Wave, the intended Homecoming headliner, canceled its scheduled appearance at the College of William and Mary, UCAB secured The Cool Kids and Yoav to perform alongside The Ting Tings at this year's Homecoming concert. Lead singer of Rogue Wave, Zach Rogue, slipped two discs in his neck and cannot perform. The band canceled all of its performances for October.

The music committee offered The

Cool Kids, an old-school hip hop duo from Chicago, a slot in the concert the day after Rogue Wave canceled. The Cool Kids accepted the offer and will appear as special guests.

"We've been wanting to get The Cool Kids to perform here for months, and they were planning to be in Virginia the day before, so they accepted our offer," UCAB Music Committee Chair Sean O'Mealia '09 said.

The Cool Kids, comprised of Evan "Chuck English" Ingersoll and Antoine "Mikey Rocks" Reed, have referred to themselves as "the Black version of The Beastie Boys." The band, which

previously opened for British singer M.I.A., has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "one of the more promising new groups to emerge in recent years," and by Rolling Stone as "Chicago's next great hip-hop duo."

In the past, the Student Hip-Hop Organization has requested that UCAB invite The Cool Kids. O'Mealia believes The Cool Kids have amassed a large fan base at the College because of their recurring music on WCWM.

The opening act will be singer-songwriter Yoav, who fuses traditional and electronic beats through his vocals and electric guitar. Yoav has

been opening for the Ting Tings on the band's current tour. His agents contacted UCAB to find out whether they were interested in having him perform in the Homecoming concert as well.

O'Mealia is optimistic about the student response to the concert.

"I'm more excited for this concert than I was for the Rogue Wave and Ting Tings concert," O'Mealia said.

The Ting Tings will perform as scheduled at the concert Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. at the Lake Matoaka Amphitheater. Tickets are free for students with a student ID and \$10 for the public.



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ARTS ON CAMPUS



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Mystic Theatre performs a scene of Arthur Miller's *"The Crucible."* Accusations of witchcraft fly, while the townspeople stand in awe of the unfolding events. Miller's masterpiece is set among the Puritan Colony where religious diversity was not tolerated and any accusation could condemn you for a lifetime. The play brought the Salem Witch Trials of 1692 to Broadway in 1952, commenting on Senator Joseph McCarthy's witch hunt of communists and on larger themes of betrayal, paranoia and persecution. The performances are in the Sadler Center Commonwealth starting Sunday at 6:30 p.m. and Oct. 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

CRITICAL CONDITION

'Watchmen' reveals the imperfections of heroes



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The film *"Watchmen,"* due out March 2009, is based on the celebrated graphic novel, the only comic book to make Time Magazine's list of the Top 100 English novels.

Walter Hickey
CRITICAL CONDITION
COLUMNIST



"Watchmen" may be among the most anticipated movies of 2009. It's based on the most popular graphic novel of all time, its fan base has been amassing for nearly 20 years and it's based on the only graphic novel to ever grace Time Magazine's list of the top 100 English novels. So the question is, why is the "Watchmen" fan community still apprehensive about this project? Why can't we have our cake and eat it too?

The comic book is only about heroes in the loosest sense of the word. It depicts an alternate 1980s in which costumed superheroes actually exist, and it's not pretty. The heroes, quite often, are anything but heroic. It's safe to call at least two of them psychopathic. Another one of them spends the whole time trying to cope with retirement. One batman-esque retiree grapples not with villains but his own list of insecurities. And Dr. Manhattan, a physicist who attains god-like powers after a freak accident, can see how the universe begins and ends. All of this goes on against the backdrop of a looming nuclear apocalypse. "Watchmen"

revolutionized the genre not because of the protagonist's heroics but because of their humanity. Translating that to film is no easy feat. So that's why we're scared.

This anticipation of failure has happened before. Really, we're just bracing ourselves for the possibility of disaster. This happens every time a film is adapted from a great work. We've been hurt before. We've seen fan communities get excited, then let down. We're the ones who come out of the theater helpless, simply parroting "the book was better." You've seen us — either in a corner, cursing under our breaths that "Lord of the Rings" was not four hours longer. Where was Tom Bombadil or the Battle for the Shire? Probably abandoned on some editor's floor. Where did Peeves and Professor Binns disappear off to in the Harry Potter films? Why, for the love of god, was "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" made? Some people would just call these edits, or write them off as necessary to the creation of a film, but that conveys a profound misunderstanding of what being a part of a fandom is.

We want to see our favorite stories play out scene-by-scene, not just provide inspiration for some ambitious hack. That's why we spit on "I, Robot."

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THAT GUY

Tom Milteer: Top leader on campus

By **LAUREN BILLINGSLEY**
Flat Hat That Girl Columnist

Tom Milteer sits down wearing a simple tee, and the absence of an armful of books reveals the unassuming nature of this well-known senior. After counting the number of people he greets who pass by our table at the Daily Grind, I'm not surprised to hear how much Tom loves the College of William and Mary's buzzword: community. A member of Theta Delta Chi, this country boy and self-described eternal optimist talks about the joys of late nights on campus, Wawa sandwiches and kickball with the admissions office deans.

As a senior, what's one thing you think College students shouldn't miss out on?

I'd say just those spontaneous nights you have with your best friends in the entire world that you've met here. The random Sunken Garden excursions and Wawa adventures — all those little things are what you're going to remember when you graduate, or senior year when you're looking back. You can't miss out on that.

You mentioned Wawa. What is your favorite sandwich?

Well, whenever I go to Wawa, I will go to the computer and select a whole wheat shortie. I'll get honey-smoked turkey, cheddar cheese, lettuce

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Rent

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull [Right]

Harrison Ford reappears in the late coming, fourth sequel in the classic adventure series, now available on DVD.



Star Sense

“We’ve agreed on the first and the last, and we’re still fighting on the middle.” [Right]

– Brooke Burke, explaining why she has delayed naming her newborn son for three weeks.



Play

“Dead Space” for PS3 and Xbox 360

This intense action game involves flying through space and fighting aliens. It’s kind of like a fantastic nightmare.

WEEKEND PICKS

“Pineapple Express”

In this thriller, Seth Rogen and James Franco star as druggie and dealer running dangerously from the law after unfortunate marijuana mix-up at a crime scene. UCAB’s October blockbuster event screens the movie tonight and Saturday in the Commonwealth Auditorium. Starting at 7 and 9:30 p.m. students can view this comedic crime movie for \$2. **Today and tomorrow**

Midnight Madness

This epic and free scavenger hunt, sponsored by Reslife’s Richmond Road staff, sends participants on a journey across campus in search of clues to win prizes and arrive at a party. Teams may be up to four people and the event begins in the Dawson Basement at 9 p.m. **Today**

“W.”

The eight-year presidency of George W. Bush inspired this ground-breaking Oliver Stone film, due out this Friday at New Town theater. The film depicts Bush and his cabinet through the years following 9/11 into the Iraq and Afghan wars.

New Town Theater show times

Friday

1:30 p.m. / 4: 30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. / 10:25 p.m.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

It’s Britney, bitch

As her second-ever number one hit, “Womanizer,” gains popularity, Britney Spears continues to deal with her messy past. The pop icon faces a year-old charge of driving without a license. People notes she held a Louisiana license at the time, but had lived in L.A. long enough to require a California license. The star continues to insist she is that innocent — she turned down a plea bargain and faces a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. Wonder if this girl is finally a woman.



The power of goodbye

Yet again causing a commotion, Madonna is forcing husband Guy Ritchie to take a bow. After rumors surfaced of her July affair with New York Yankee Alex Rodriguez, Madge gave Guy one more chance. But according to Gawker, quicker than a ray of light, there’s another suitcase in the hall. Never hesitant to express herself, the queen of pop made clear that love don’t live here any more when she referred to her soon-to-be ex as “emotionally retarded” at her Wednesday concert.

Family values

Born-again Christian and staunch conservative actor Stephen Baldwin called Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama “such a cultural terrorist,” challenging him to a fight. Palling around with family-values paradigm Michael Lohan, Alec Baldwin’s little bro said of Obama, “by the time I’m done with him, he’ll be a Republican.” When asked about Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, he said he “wouldn’t fight the Barracuda Bear.”



Back in traveling pants

Spotted: Blake Lively, hopping a plane to L.A. with her costar boyfriend Penn Badgley Monday night. She rushed out of New York as soon as she got word her dad had been in a car accident, dragging Lonleyboy with her. Page Six has it the actress had to cancel hosting duties at a Saks Fifth Avenue party and a Jamie Lidell concert. We hear her dad “is okay and doing fine.” Hope he stays that way. XOXO

—by Alice Hahn

LessFest examines social discontent

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Belanger said the life of Jesus was IJM’s inspiration for social justice.

“Jesus was homeless, he was broke, and he cared about people in a way that I don’t think we, today, are caring about people,” Belanger said. “IJM is a group of people who have become disillusioned with the way the church is acting and the way we are acting.”

Belanger also pointed to the number of international service groups at the College of William and Mary as proof of social discontent.

“It goes back to the root of how our generation is not happy with the way things are right now,” Belanger said.

Paige Roseman ’10 saw the event on Facebook and was attracted by the event’s focus on the redistribution of wealth. After seeing poverty firsthand in high school while distributing food with Key Club, Roseman gained a new perspective on material wealth.

“It was a good venue to see the disparity — us having so much, comparing it with people who have so little,” Roseman said.

IJM plans to donate the clothing, including two bags of Roseman’s own, to the local York County charity FISH.

Wrenstock mimics Woodstock values

By MAX WERNER
The Flat Hat

Inspired by the 1969 Woodstock Music Festival, the student-produced Wrenstock promises to be a similar celebration of music and unity within the community at the College of William and Mary.

Humans for Animal Liberation and Vegetarian Alliance team up with Young Democrats to co-sponsor the first annual Wrenstock, which will be held tomorrow from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Crim Dell Meadow. Led by HALVA President Erica Hart ’10 and HALVA Secretary Pablo Fierro ’10, the two hosts have been planning and advertising the event throughout the semester.

“The event was conceptualized last year, and we thought about involving more clubs, like SEAC and Young Democrats and other progressive groups,” Hart said.

Participating clubs will have tables set up along either side of the main stage, allowing them a free space to publicize their events and share their messages with Wrenstock attendees.

“The idea was to promote peace, love, harmony and a community that cares about community and cares about Williamsburg,” said BM Moeller ’10. “We want to bring something real to these ideas of community.”

Student bands Ctrl+Alt+DESTROY, Bum Kharma, the Wham Bam Big Band and Easy, Tiger are scheduled to play at the event. The festival organizers hope that the event will bring exposure to both the College’s music scene and the modern issues that are central to the musicians. Like the event, these bands want to emphasize community activism.

“We want Wrenstock as big and as inclusive as possible,” Fierro said. “We had originally planned to try to fill the Sunken Garden, just like at Woodstock, but security issues prevented it.”

By planning the event around music, HALVA hopes to increase visibility for more radical groups by providing an atmosphere that encourages people to discuss social activism.

“Beliefs will be communicated because of the positive environment,” Moeller said.

Other entertainment will include art projects and games. Students for a Democratic Society will host a free speech wall, a space for students to share their thoughts by spray painting messages on a cardboard wall. Face paint and tie-dye booths will echo the Woodstock fashions popularized by musicians in the 1960s. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in yoga lessons and play Twister.

“All the activities are just associated with the idea that we as students should create a space where people can express themselves, and get to dialogue with the community,” Moeller said.

Many of the participating organizations have enjoyed increased membership and exposure since their involvement in the rallies for former College President Gene Nichol last spring. Moeller believes that the heavy presence of such groups prove that students have a powerful voice, and that they have the power to affect the College in unconventional ways when they come together. Wrenstock planners hope to combine these passions of campus activism with the cheerful atmosphere of a music festival

“Really, this event is about having fun,” Fierro said.

That Guy: Tom Milteer

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and tomato. Oh, and oregano.

Sounds good. If I turned on your iPod right now, what would I hear?

It’s broken right now. But if it was working and you hit play, my favorite song right now is off of T.I.’s new album, and it’s called “Live Your Life” featuring Rihanna. It’s just amazing, and it’s stuck in my head right now, so it’s funny you should ask.

If you could sight-see anywhere in the world, what landmark would you visit?

It’s a hard question for me because I’ve never been to Europe or Asia. It would be hard for me to narrow down. I’d want to see as much as I possibly can. I’ve always wanted to see the pyramids in Egypt though. That would be really cool. Ever since I was a kid I’ve imagined how they would look.

What has been your best job?

Definitely this past summer when I worked as a senior interviewer in the Admissions Office. I worked with amazing interns. I woke up every morning excited to go to work just because everyone there is so much fun. The deans are fun. We played kickball against them. It’s an annual tradition. The interns have yet to win; we lost unfortunately.

You lost to the deans?

We lost to the deans playing kickball. But we went all out — we had black bandanas and handmade uniforms for it.

I hear you and your friends are involved in something called “Tuesday Tradition.” What is it?

My friend and I both love “The Price Is Right,” so on Tuesdays we meet at 11 in the Marketplace. We get our food and we sit down, hoard the TV and change it to “The Price Is Right.” Then we have commentary about the show for the whole hour. It’s great. Often we get others involved too and start yelling at the TV and stuff.

What qualities do you value in your friends?

I’ve thought about this before, and I think I really value people who are genuine. Genuine. That’s the main word. They could be anyone, but as long as they’re being genuinely true to themselves, then I admire that, even if I don’t necessarily fully connect with them.

What’s something most people probably don’t know about you?

I think most people don’t realize that I’m not from NoVa. Most people wouldn’t think that I grew up on a farm and that both of my grandfathers are farmers and my brother is into farming. My grandparents live across the street from me and they live on a farm, so my house is surrounded by fields. I didn’t really interact with the animals much, I just have memories of riding in a tractor with my grandfather and pictures of that.

You’re really involved in TDX and UCAB, but do you have anything else in the works right now?

I wanted to bring my marketing and



Caitlin Fairchild — The Flat Hat

event-planning experience to a charity, so I got involved with the Bone Marrow Drive. It’s been fun. We’re planning WMTV right now, so we’re recruiting William and Mary students to be in trashy reality MTV shows and get their friends to come watch. They did it last year and we’re doing it again this year. It’s on Election Day, so we’re like, “Take a break from politics: Come watch your friends on trashy reality MTV!” That’s how we’re marketing it.

Whether you find him as the composed spokesman of one of his social or philanthropic organizations on campus or yelling at a Marketplace television during lunch hour, Tom serves as a great example of the thriving community that the College seeks to embody.

Fans apprehensive, hopeful for ‘Watchmen’ film

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That’s why “Eragon” left such a bad taste in everyone’s mouth. And that’s why “Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy” led to a flood of furious blogging. All we want is respect. And “Watchmen” has to follow through.

And the thing is, “Watchmen” is bigger than any of those other titles. Those were all good reads, but this one here is the foundation of a genre. If you liked “The Dark Knight,” it’s because of this graphic novel. “Watchmen” laid the groundwork for the idea that super heroes could have imperfections, that our beloved comic book stars are more than fists in colorful costumes. If director Zach Snyder drops the ball on this film, it’s a bigger deal than oh, say, when “Battlefield Earth” bombed. Our fear is that this film will profane something almost holy.

So, the fan community is just going to have to go through the motions on this one. We’ll just go on tempering our excitement with forced apathy; our involvement with apprehensive withdrawal; our blind enthusiasm with a thick layer of cynicism. We just don’t want this story compromised. Will we watch the movie? Absolutely. Probably more than once.

And will we enjoy it? That’s a question even Manhattan can’t answer.



COURTESY PHOTO — MOVIEWEB.COM
The film adaptation of the graphic novel ‘Watchmen’ is due out in March.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WILL SENDOR — THE FLAT HAT
Freshman midfielder Nicolas Abrigo

MEN'S SOCCER

Tribe comes out flat, falls 4-1 to no. 7 Tar Heels

The College of William and Mary, playing without three of its top players, committed costly mistakes against no. 7 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (10-2-1, 2-2 ACC) Tuesday night and fell 4-1 before 368 fans at Albert-Daly Field. With UNC controlling the match, two Tribe mistakes led to two first-half goals for the Tar Heels as they outshot the Tribe 7-2 in the opening half. Sophomore forward Alan Koger's second goal of the season came in the 84th minute with the College trailing 3-0. In the opening frame, the Tribe played cautiously and allowed the Tar Heels to maintain possession. The College's offense was quiet until midway through the second half when the Tar Heels cleared two balls off the line and Koger hit the crossbar with a late shot.

FOOTBALL

Phillips' 4-TD performance earns him CAA honor

Senior quarterback Jake Phillips was honored as the CAA offensive player of the week for his performance in the College of William and Mary's 38-34 upset win over the University of New Hampshire on Saturday. Phillips completed 30 of 40 passes in the game for 310 yards and four touchdowns, including a game-winning 17-yard touchdown toss to junior wideout D.J. McAulay with 22 seconds remaining.

— By Chris Weidman and Matt Poms

SCHEDULE

Fri., Oct. 3

MEN'S TENNIS

ITA MidEast Regional — Chapel Hill, N.C.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vanderbilt Invitational — Vanderbilt, Tenn.

FIELD HOCKEY

DUKE — 7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 4

CROSS COUNTRY

TRIBE OPEN — 10 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Pre-National Invitational — Terre Haute, Ind.

MEN'S TENNIS

ITA MidEast Regional — Chapel Hill, N.C.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vanderbilt Invitational — Vanderbilt, Tenn.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

OLD DOMINION — 7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

DELAWARE — 7 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 5

WOMEN'S GOLF

Lady Pirate Intercollegiate — Greenville, N.C.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vanderbilt Invitational — Vanderbilt, Tenn.

MEN'S TENNIS

ITA MidEast Regional — Chapel Hill, N.C.

FIELD HOCKEY

RUTGERS — 12 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

JAMES MADISON — 12:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Tribe drops second straight CAA contest

By JACK POLLOCK

Flat Hat Staff Writer

TRIBE 2, VCU 3

After recording a five-set victory against Virginia Commonwealth University earlier in the season, the Tribe (14-5, 4-2 CAA) found itself on the other side of the net this time around, falling to the Rams 3-2.

"We needed to block well and stay away from certain players, and tonight we didn't," Head Coach Melissa Shelton said.

The College opened a 5-0 lead behind junior Lindsey Pflugner's powerful serve in the first set, before junior Bryana Carey's four kills sparked an offensive run as the Tribe prevailed, 25-21.

The Rams then took their first lead of the game at 6-5 to start the second set before pulling away to win 25-16. However, the College quickly bounced back, winning the third set with a strong attack led by sophomore Erin Skipper.

The Tribe fell behind the Rams in a dramatic fourth set before senior Molly Bohman's block evened the score at 7-7. After the team lost ground, sophomore Ginny Bray brought the Tribe to within striking distance at 20-22 following a strong kill to the corner. The College continued with three more points to take a 23-22 lead, but an attack error and bad set saw the Rams win 25-23.

"We didn't capitalize on our opportunities in the fourth set, especially when it was 22-22, and we made a lot of mental errors

out there," Skipper said.

VCU closed out the match with an impressive fifth set led by its strong attack, posting a .150 attack percentage to the College's -.087. The Rams also capitalized

on the Tribe's five errors to take the set 15-8.

"It was a team effort and everyone could have cut down on their mistakes," Skipper said.

JAMES NAPOLITANO — THE FLAT HAT
Senior setter Kim Mount sets up the Tribe offense during its 3-2 defeat to VCU.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Made for TV

JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT
Freshman forward Stephanie Gerow disrupts a VCU pass as a Fox Soccer Channel cameraman looks on during the College's dramatic 2-1 victory over the fifth-place Rams.

Two late goals lift College to conference victory, move squad into sole possession of first place

By JACK LAMBERT

Flat Hat Staff Writer

TRIBE 2, VCU 1

The College of William and Mary took to the pitch seven minutes too early Thursday night due to a mix-up with the Fox Soccer Channel television broadcast. In retaliation, the Tribe made a record-setting crowd and a national television audience wait until the 86th minute to see the College score two goals in the dying minutes of regulation to defeat Virginia Commonwealth University 2-1.

Senior Claire Zimmeck scored on a header from senior back Abbey Lauer in the 86th minute for her team-leading ninth goal of the season. Two minutes

later, junior forward Kelly Jenkins buried another service into the box from Lauer into the right corner of the net for the game-winning goal.

"I didn't think we played well for 85 minutes," Head Coach John Daly said. "Then we got a great ball in from Abbey, a tremendous header from [Zimmeck], and then Abbey broke again and Kelly kept her cool and finished it."

Daly went from sitting, to standing, to pleading as he watched the Rams outshoot the Tribe 10-9 in front of a record-setting crowd of 564 fans at Albert-Daly field. A good amount of Daly's instructions were directed at Lauer, whom he wanted to push up into the attacking third against a sagging VCU defense.

"It's something I try to do frequently, and it's something I really struggled with in the first half," Lauer said. "But in the second half, especially at the end when we really needed the goal, I definitely was thinking get forward and put the balls up there and have two great forwards on the end of them."

The night did not start as well as it ended for the Tribe even after the beginning of the match was pushed back by the television broadcast. Once the match kicked off, the night didn't get much better. VCU dominated the first half of the contest and scored in the 62nd minute on a 20-yard blast from forward June Hartman.

Only six saves from senior goalkeeper

Meghan Walker and a clearing header from senior back Meredith Brown on the goal-line kept the score from getting out of hand, as Tribe struggled to execute passes and control possession throughout most of the game.

"I think the kids were nervous," Daly said. "I think they tried to do things they don't normally do, and I think on occasion [the television broadcast] had some effect."

Lauer, who leads the team with six assists, agreed with Daly's assessment while also offering a prediction about the Tribe's future programming schedule.

"The next time we'll be on TV will be the final four," Lauer said with a smile. "That's what we're aiming for."

COMMENTARY

Win over New Hampshire gives Tribe high hopes for stretch run

Matt Poms

FLAT HAT ASSOC. SPORTS EDITOR



Two weekends ago, the College of William and Mary was blown out on its own field by a dismal first-half performance against Villanova University. However, a strong second half cut the final deficit to 38-28 and generated crucial momentum heading into a big road match-up against the fourth-ranked University of New Hampshire.

That momentum paid off Saturday as the College downed the previously undefeated Wildcats 38-34 on a dramatic touchdown pass with 22 seconds remaining.

Senior quarterback Jake Phillips played his best game of the season, completing 30 of 40 passes for 310 yards and four touchdowns. Freshman tailback Jonathan Grimes continued his impressive rookie campaign, rushing for 145 yards and a 56-yard score and adding eight catches for 47 yards. Junior defensive end Adrian Tracy was a defensive maelstrom, notching 14 tackles, four tackles for loss and two sacks.

The College's upset win kept alive its playoff hopes. With its defeat of New Hampshire, the Tribe evened its CAA record at 1-1.

Furthermore, after dispatching New Hampshire, the College will begin a four-game stretch against opponents with losing records. The Tribe's opponents over that span are a combined 9-17 for the season, and the College should be favored in each match-up. If the Tribe can take care of business over the next month, it could conceivably enter its final two games — at no. 1 James Madison University and home against no. 9 University of Richmond — with a 5-1 conference record. In that scenario, a split would likely be sufficient to return the College to the postseason for the first time since 2004.

However, several key factors will affect that possibility.

First, Phillips must use his performance against New Hampshire as a stepping stone to return to the consistency and accuracy he exhibited last season. The senior has been erratic at times this season, throwing eight interceptions — one more than his season total in 11 games last year — through four games (he sat out the Villanova game due to injury). For the Tribe to win five of its remaining six games — likely the minimum mark

needed to qualify for the playoffs — the offense must take care of the football and that all starts with Phillips.

Second, the College must string together four quarters of consistent football. At times this season, the Tribe has looked unstoppable, moving the ball at will on offense and using an impregnable defense to shut down opponents. However, as the first half against Villanova shows, consistency has been a major issue, and the College is neither talented nor deep enough to put anything but its best effort forward.

Third, the defense must step up its play inside the red zone. Against Villanova and New Hampshire, the Tribe allowed touchdowns seven out of the nine times that the opposing offense entered the College's 20-yard line. While the Tribe was facing two of the best offenses in the conference in its last two contests, its red zone defense must improve for the team to be successful against strong CAA competition. The offense can't be expected to win shoot outs every week.

It will be an uphill battle to a playoff spot, but if the College performs like it did against New Hampshire, the Tribe could face Richmond Nov. 22 at home with a playoff berth on the line.

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